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EDITORIAL

At the beginning of a new year it seems to us to be not unfitting to give a brief summary of the main events of 1909, partly for reference, and partly to remind us of what we have to do in 1910 to maintain or to improve this record.

Examination Results—McGill Matriculation (preliminary), two passed; McGill Matriculation (finals), two passed; Royal Military College—No entries this year.

Head Boy for 1909—J. E. Mathews.

Prefects for 1909—McGuigan, Rich, Ambery, Mathews.

Football Results, 1908-09—1st XV., Captain, S. P. McGuigan—Played 12, won 9, lost 3. 2nd XV., Captain, S. Rich—Played 4, won 1, lost 2, drawn 1.

Cricket Results, 1909—1st XI., Capt. M. Bell-Irving; one match played—drawn. This was owing to the fact that our grounds were not ready.

Cadet Corps—Capt. S. P. McGuigan; strength at date of inspection, 54. Prize for efficiency won by R. Bell-Irving.

Rifle Practice—Best shot (June), M. Bell-Irving; best shot (November), S. Rich. C. R. L. matches, eighth place in all Canada; badge won by Capt. Bowser.

Athletic Sports—Champion, W. J. Bowser; second, M. Bell-Irving.

Golf Champion—M. Bell-Irving.

Passing on to the outlook for the year which is just beginning, the safest plan of course is "never prophesy unless you know." We may, however, venture to anticipate a successful cricket season, and it may here be added that in all probability our ground will be utilized in August for the Cricket Week, when the Pacific Coast Championship will be decided.

The Cadet Corps also will have a better chance than ever before of distinguishing themselves both in drill and musketry, and the laying out of our grounds will be of great advantage when we hold our Athletic Sports, not to mention the fine football grounds we shall have by September next.

We have increased in numbers since Christmas, 1908, from 69 to 109, and there is every reason to forecast a still greater influx in 1910.

SCHOOL NOTES

The following new boys joined us since the date of the last issue:—

C. N. J. Galer (boarder), Form IV., from Spokane, Wash.
H. B. Devine (boarder), Form IV., Vancouver.
W. J. R. Beech (boarder), Form IV., Salt Spring Island.
V. M. Persse (boarder), Form IV., Winnipeg.
N. S. York (boarder), Form IV., Vancouver.
P. R. M. Wallis (boarder), Form IV., Arrowhead.
F. Guye (boarder), Form IV., Seattle.
D. F. Scott (day-boy), Form IV., Victoria.
N. M. L'Abbe (boarder), Form III., Seattle, Wash.
M. C. Snyder (boarder), Form II., Seattle, Wash.
G. Rayner (boarder), Form II., Vancouver.
T. R. Baker (boarder), Form II., Vancouver.
B. E. Nash (boarder), Form II., Renata.
M. H. Watts (boarder), Form II., Vancouver.
E. H. Hanbury (boarder), Form II., Victoria.
F. E. Tuckey (day-boy), Form II., Victoria.
L. Hinton (day-boy), Form I., Victoria.

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The following boys gained their removes this term:—
Into Form V.—Emanuels and Mackay.
Into Form IV.—Wyld and Shaw i.
Into Form III.—Bridgman, Shaw ii., Bell-Irving ii., Costerton, Kingham, Burton, Ker, Holms.
Into Form II.—Matson i., Evans, Williams i., Matson ii.

Bealey, Kavanagh, and the Baileys have left, and Garrard will be away till after Easter. R. B. Hobson, Form IV., has returned after two terms absence. Ker and Young ii. are weekly boarders this term.

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During the latter part of last term the Saturday evening concerts were discontinued, and in their place we had some very interesting lectures.

The first took place on November 6th, and was given by our bursar, Capt. H. J. R. Cullin, the subject being "Stamp-collecting."

After describing the first introduction of penny postage into England by Sir Rowland Hill in 1840, he passed around a copy of the first postage stamp, the penny black English, issued in that year. He said that stamp-collecting was a great and ever-increasing hobby, and passed on to explain in some detail how it could be made a very bad or a very good investment for spare cash. Stamps were next discussed with reference to history, giving certain stamps as being finger-posts to great events in the history of nations. Some special stamps mentioned were—the penny black English V. R.—the triangular Cape wood-blocks, and others. Artistic and commemorative issues were next dealt with, such as the Quebec Tercentenary stamps. The lecturer warned the boys against forgeries, reprints, stamps made to order, and other pitfalls for the inexperienced. After the lecture, he exhibited his collection of the stamps of New South Wales, showing some of the greater rarities of this colony.

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The second lecture was given by the Rev. H. Collison on November 13th, on the subject of "Life Among the Indians of B. C." Mr. Collison speaks with authority, having spent all his early years in Northern B. C., and can converse easily in several Indian dialects.

His lecture appealed to the boys immensely, more especially the thrilling stories of personal encounters with bears. Mr. Collison has seen five grizzlies at one time, at close quarters, and his account of the search for a dead grizzly, in pitch darkness, with four of the friends of the deceased somewhere close at hand, was most exciting. Very interesting, too, were the details, largely gathered from the Indians, about the habits of the bear when he chooses his quarters for the winter, and again when he awakes from his long sleep.

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The third lecture was of a military character. On December 4th Captain P. Elliston, R.C.G.A., came out and told us the story of "Sanna's Post." The narrative lost none of its

impressiveness from the directness and simplicity of the language in which it was couched; the youngest boy present could understand that here was a disaster which could have been avoided. "We learn," said Capt. Elliston, "not from victories, but from defeats, how to do better next time"; and he pointed out clearly and concisely not only the tactical errors of the officers in command, but the mistakes in scouting which were made by their subordinates, who might very easily have discovered and reported the presence of the enemy in large numbers. A redeeming feature was the gallantry displayed by the R. H. A. and the splendid way in which "Q" Battery saved their guns.

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A novelty to the boys when they returned this term was the first appearance of the annual School List. This gives not only the name of every boy with his place in class at Christmas, but many other particulars which will make the list most interesting to refer to in future years. For example, we read the date of the boy's birth, of his entrance to the school, the subjects in which he distinguished himself, and those in which he got prizes, besides all the various honors in games and cadet corps that a boy can win.

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A feature of the end of last term was the Fifth Form Feast, held in their room on Saturday, December 11th. Several of the Fourth were invited, three masters and Capt. Cullin. The catering, cooking and serving of the banquet were done by Sergeant and Mrs. Adye, and the way in which the turkey and plum-pudding faded away was the best possible testimonial to the success of their efforts. Great interest was felt in outside quarters; it was sternly repressed, but if all offers had been accepted, there would have been at least six waiters to each guest. As it was, one outsider managed to effect an entrance in the disguise of a Chinaman, but he was promptly detected and hurled out. The only hitch, if hitch it can be called, was the inability of the guests to tackle the entire menu at one sitting, so it was unanimously decided to postpone the last course to the following evening, and substitute a little vocal and instrumental music.

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On Saturday, January 29th, a concert was held, which differed from those we have previously had in this respect, that nearly all the items were contributed by outside talent. Mr. Dobson, who organized the concert, succeeded in persuading Mrs. Hinton and Messrs. Bantley, Waddington and Evans to come out and help. We are much indebted to them for their kindness, and fully appreciated the music with which they entertained us.

Mrs. Hinton sang "Rosalie," "Love was once a Little Boy," and "I dreamt that I dwelt in Marble Halls." Mr. Bantley gave us some exquisite violin solos, including Largo (Handel) and Serenade (Schubert). Mr. Waddington sang "The Veteran," "I'll Sing thee Songs of Araby," and "The Two Grenadiers." Mr. Evans gave us an amusing song with a laughing chorus, and a comic recitation, "The Miner's Story." M. H. Watts sang a coon song with great animation, and was loudly applauded. The School Orchestra, consisting of McGuigan, Walker, Emanuels, Gordon and Young, performed two selections in very creditable style for so recent an organization.

SPEECH-DAY AND PRIZE-GIVING

Our Annual Speech-Day and Prize-Giving took place on Friday afternoon, December 17th, in the Gymnasium. About 250 people came out on special cars, and the event was an entire success. The Gymnasium had been transformed for the occasion, a temporary stage having been erected at the west end. The whole of this work, proscenium, curtain and scenery, was designed and most of it actually painted by our versatile Bursar, Captain H. J. R. Cullin. The front of the stage and the sides of the gymnasium were draped with flags, kindly lent by Captain Musgrave, while other friends helped with contributions of plants and flowers.

His Lordship the Bishop of Columbia took the chair at a quarter to three, and the platform was also honored by the presence of Colonel J. Peters, D. O. C.

The Warden opened the proceedings with an address, in which he outlined the history, the aims and the methods of the School. He pointed out that one of the best tests of a school's worth was the support accorded to it locally, and the fact that we drew forty day-boys from Victoria, besides about a dozen weekly boarders, showed that we possessed the confidence of those who knew us best. The prospects of the School could not but be rosy, being started in the best conceivable situation, and at the best possible moment, when we are all looking forward confidently to rapid growth and increased prosperity, both in the city and the Province. Giving an outline of the School curriculum, he mentioned the names of several boys who had done well in recent examinations, Irving and Macdowall at the Royal Military College, and the two Bell-Irvings and the two Corsans at McGill University Matriculation. Referring to the School buildings, he said that they could not be deemed complete until we had a School Chapel on our own grounds, but at present we did not see our

way financially to erect one. He wound up his address with the following impressive words: "My Lord, ladies and gentlemen: This School is undoubtedly the life work of my two able and younger colleagues; and for myself I cannot at this late day put my hand to other plough. I am content to have my name, when it is but a memory, connected with this great enterprise; most certainly not as the master builder, but as the humble pioneer who laid the first foundations. Those foundations were laid in the faith and the fear of God, and I pray that when my voice is silent, and any little influence I may have had for good is but a tradition, the good work will go forward with ever-increasing force, till countless parents throughout the teeming West sound the praises of University School."

The Examiners' Report was then read, in which the work of every Form in each subject was criticized in detail, every boy who had done well receiving commendation for his work.

Mr. Barnacle was next called upon to give the report on the Games of the School. After some general remarks on the importance of games in building up both character and physical condition, and some details of the system whereby these games are so organized as not to interfere in any way with school studies, he referred to the record of the School Football fifteen for the first half of the season, with some words of praise for McGuigan's work as captain, and also for his lieutenant, Sidney Rich.

Mr. Harvey explained the objects and methods of the Cadet Corps, particularly the Musketry Instruction and skirmishing practice, with some particulars about the Gymnasium work, and the classes for Boxing and Fencing.

The Warden then called upon Colonel Peters to say a few words to the boys. He was warmly applauded. He was glad to see that British Columbia, and this school in particular, was devoting attention to teaching boys to drill and especially to shoot straight. The time might not be far off when this knowledge would stand them in good stead, and he hoped that they would go on as they had begun, and acquire a sound training in handling a rifle.

The Prizes were then presented by His Lordship, Bishop Perrin. These books, it may be mentioned, were specially bought in England by Mr. Harvey, where he had them uniformly bound in half-calf gilt, with the school crest stamped in gold. The winners were as follows:

J. E. Mathews—Fifth Form prize (Head of the School); Mr. Alexis Martin's prize for French; Mrs. Watts' prize for English essay on a Canadian topic; Mathematical prize.

S. N. Rich—Extra Mathematical prize, Form V.

K. A. Creery—Fourth Form prize.

C. P. Otter—French prize, Form IV.
J. G. Tatlow—Mathematical prize, Form IV.
J. K. Cooper—Essay prize, Form IV.
R. C. Palmer—Third Form prize.
R. L. Challoner—Mathematical prize, Form III.
E. A. Henderson—Essay prize, Form III.
M. A. W. Bridgman—Second Form prize.
C. C. J. Holms—Arithmetic prize, Form II.
J. Matson—First Form prize.

The following special cups and medals were then presented:—

Mr. Barnacle's Cup for marksmanship—Lieut. S. N. Rich.

Mr. Harvey's Cup for the best shooting section—No. 2 section, Sergt. C. P. Otter. This cup is held for a year by the section-commander.

Special prize for the most efficient section—No. 1 section, Color-Sergt. E. Rand. A gold medal presented by Mrs. Marr to the section-commander, and small badges to each cadet in the section.

At the conclusion of the presentation His Lordship addressed the boys. He said that this prize-giving had a breeziness about it that was both unusual and refreshing. He congratulated the Warden and Principals on the growth of the School, and pointed out to the boys the importance of their school life in building up a manly Christian character. He spoke of the excessive strictness of school life in his own day, illustrating with an amusing anecdote of his boyhood, and deplored the tendency of modern days to neglect discipline in order to let boys "have a good time." At the conclusion of his address a hearty vote of thanks was accorded His Lordship.

THE ENGLISH PLAYS

The business of the afternoon being concluded, the boys contributed a brief dramatic performance. The first item consisted of two short scenes from Sheridan's well-known comedy, "The Rivals." The scene was laid in Bob Acres' rooms in Bath. The irrepressible but countrified Bob, played by Cyril Spencer, is persuaded by his fire-eating Irish friend Sir Lucius O'Trigger (K. Creery), to challenge a young officer who has supplanted him in a love-affair. This officer, Captain Jack Absolute (V. Sutherland), has been masquerading under the name of Beverley, to which name the letter is addressed. When they appear on the field, Acres, who has been displaying the most ludicrous condition of funk, seizes this excuse to avoid fighting at all, to the great disgust of Sir Lucius, and all ends without bloodshed. The young actors looked well and seemed quite at ease in the costume of the period, with laced cuffs,

powdered perukes and three-cornered hats; they spoke their lines clearly, and the piece went off without a hitch, though McGuigan, who took the part of Faulkland, towered above his principal so much as almost to obliterate him in the duel scene.

The second piece was a selection of scenes from Shakespeare's King Henry IV., part I. Prince Hal (R. W. L. Crawford) and Ned Poins (C. P. Otter) inveigle the fat knight, Sir John Falstaff (G. E. Ambery) into waylaying and robbing some travellers, on which they rob the robbers, Falstaff displaying the utmost cowardice. When they meet, the old knight gives a long account of his exploit, continually adding to the numbers of his supposed assailants, till the Prince loses patience and taxes him with cowardice and lying. But Falstaff, not a whit abashed, proposes another jest, which is interrupted by the entrance of the Sheriff (C. N. Galer). Falstaff hides, and while the Prince gets rid of the sheriff, he goes to sleep behind the arras, and some fun is got by reading the tavern bills they find in his pockets. Ambery as Falstaff was excellent, not only in make-up, but in his enunciation and expression, showing that he has a real idea of acting, and that he could enter into the spirit of the part he took. Rich as Bardolph was quite satisfactory, and he and Poins had a very vigorous and realistic sword-fight. Crawford as the Prince played with sufficient dignity, showing that in all his wildest pranks Harry remembered that he was a king's son. The smaller parts were well taken; Rickards, as Francis the pot-boy, was kept busily employed, but had not a speaking part.

The scene was painted to represent an ancient half-timbered room with oak-beamed ceiling and heavy oaken door, and with the picturesque costumes of the actors, the effect was excellent. We hope to have similar performances every Christmas.

When all the guests had gone, and the front hall was piled high with trunks ready for the homeward journey, the remaining boarders and masters, to the number of sixty, sat down to a regular Christmas feast of turkey and plum-pudding, and as the cabs drove up to the door, they wound up with "Auld Lang Syne"—hands around the room—and the National Anthem, before dispersing to their several homes for a well-earned three weeks' holiday.

FOOTBALL NEWS

The second match of the season was played against the Collegiate School on our grounds on November 3rd. The game calls for little comment, as our boys won without much trouble by the score of 16 to 3.

On November 5th we played the return match with the Victoria High School at Recreation Park. The first match having ended in a draw (5-5), both sides were even keener than usual to show what they could do. The spectators, too, looked forward to a good game, but though it was a fine day, and the field in good condition, they were doomed to disappointment. The score against us was recorded as 14 to nil, but if the referee had known a little more about the rules of Rugby Football it would have been more satisfactory to all concerned. The natural result of seeing every decision go against them made our team lose heart, particularly when a try was allowed to the High School after the ball had crossed the dead-ball line and actually hit the fence beyond.

The visiting team from the Vancouver High School proved too heavy for us on November 20th, when they beat us by ten points to three on our own grounds. The visitors went off with a rush, and Beck, their captain, scored behind the posts before two minutes had elapsed. This seemed to wake us up, and from now on we struggled hard, but Seymour scored again for the High School just before half-time, making the score 10 to nil.

We went into the second half with much more vigour than before. We took Mr. Sparks out of the forward line, and shortly after the re-start he had scored a pretty try, which Rich, however, failed to convert; and at the call of time we were still pressing hard. McGuigan was quite impassable, and he and Wyld did some fine kicking into touch. Irwin, Rand and Thorsen were the pick of the forwards, while Emanuels did good work in the scrum.

We played the return match with the Collegiate School on December 8th at Recreation Park; the ground was so wet and slushy that anything like combination was out of the question; we only played twenty minutes each way, and a scrambling game ended in a win for us by eleven points to nil.

On the last day of the term we went over to Vancouver with our team arranged somewhat differently, Macdonald playing full back instead of Otter. The Vancouver High School had a stronger team than the one which defeated us in the first match. The game commenced at two o'clock. The High School were right after the ball from the start; they expected to win with ease, but were very much surprised. Their backs nearly got over our line, but we relieved by kicking into touch, and the first half ended without either side having scored.

The second half was much the same as the first, but this time they nearly scored twice. The first time Mr. Sparks

tackled the Vancouver back when he was within ten feet of our line. The second attempt was when Patterson got the ball, and was nearly over when "Zeke" got him by the legs and brought him to the ground. So the call of time arrived with no score. The game was very even, the Vancouvers by no means having all the best of it, and we expect to do something better next time we meet them.

The team encountered the Collegiate seniors for the third time this season on February 9th on our grounds. Our team contained six boys who were not on the 1st XV. last term, five new forwards and one three-quarters, and we were all anxious to see how they would acquit themselves. The team was as follows: Full-back, Macdonald; threequarter-backs, Mackay, Persse, McGuigan and Wyld; half-backs, Rich and Otter; forwards, Rand, Irwin, Thorsen, Young, Bagshawe, Devine, Woodward, Shaw.

The ground was very soft, owing to a slight frost followed by warm sun. The game began at a good pace, the Collegiate forwards showing up well. They worked the ball dangerously near our line, but the defence of our backs was sound. A lot of play then took place in mid-field. Our forwards were now getting warmed up, and they took the ball into the Collegiate 25. Here McGuigan received a pass, and his strength carried him over the coveted line, but Rich did not succeed in converting. The Collegiates, who were now working hard, carried the ball into our territory, but Macdonald, who was playing a fine game at full back, relieved beautifully.

Now it was that Wyld received a pass, and after a clever run grounded the ball between the posts. No goal resulted. Then McGuigan again got over, and this time Rich converted. Rand, who was playing hard in the forward line, was at last rewarded by scoring his first try—surely a red-letter day for him. Rich succeeded at a most difficult angle.

Just before half-time Mackay made a fine run, dodging most cleverly and almost scoring; however, Bagshawe completed the effort by smartly placing the ball over the line, no goal resulting. Half-time score—University, 2 goals 3 tries (19 points) to nil.

The second half was keenly contested, and although the Collegiate boys did not score, they fought gamely, and only allowed our boys to score twice. Rich and Mackay were responsible for these six points. The prettiest run of the match was that of Wyld, who is developing a fine turn of speed. Final score—University, 2 goals 5 tries (25 points); Collegiate, nil.

We encountered the Victoria High School for the third time this season on our ground on February 11th. They were without their speedy three-quarter, Brown; however, Dickson, though not of the High School, was allowed to take his place. It was soon very evident that the High School was not nearly so good a team as they had last term; they had little or no combination in the backs, and were beaten in the scrum. Our scrum worked like clockwork, and Rich, who was playing a magnificent game at half, gave the three-quarters no end of opportunities. At times these showed good combination, but more often they muddled and lost their beautiful chances. However, the High School backs tackled well, Dickson especially shining in this respect.

In the first half McGuigan did all the scoring for us, dropping a neat goal from a penalty, and scoring two tries. At half-time the score was 9 points to nil.

During the second half the High School bucked up, and although they were never dangerous themselves, they only allowed us to score once; this time Rich converted, and the game ended 14 points to nil in our favor.

Bagshawe and Young, who have lately been promoted to the 1st XV., both played a sterling game. McGuigan leads a good three-quarter line this term, and with better combination they should be dangerous.

The fourth game with the High School took place at the Royal Athletic Park on Saturday, February 19th. The ground was in a very bad condition, good three-quarter play being out of the question. There was a goodly number of spectators, and much interest was shown in the match. The High School were determined to turn the tables, and the game was more even than on the last occasion, their scrum work being much improved. It was not until nearly half-time that any score was made, McGuigan getting over in very neat fashion, but the kick at goal failed. After half-time the ball was rushed from one goal to the other without result, and it looked as if it were impossible for either side to score again.

However, just before the end, intense excitement prevailed when through a fumble Ellis, of the High School, looked like scoring. He got the ball at the half-way line and was making for our line in good style. He had no one to pass, and a try seemed certain, when Wyld, our speedy three-quarter, put on full steam, overtook Ellis, and brought him down just in time. There was some hard fighting to keep the High School from scoring, but it was done, and the game ended in another win for us by 3 points to nil. Mr. W. Moresby kindly refereed.

The forwards all worked hard; Irwin, Young and Bagshawe were conspicuously good. Rich played his usual hardy

and heady game, McGuigan was a tower of strength, Otter and Mackay played well, while Macdonald did his duty at full-back.

JUNIOR FOOTBALL

The junior matches played this season have not been altogether satisfactory, chiefly owing to the plan adopted of playing teams under a certain age, instead of a straight "second" or "third" fifteen. Thus a team of boys under sixteen does not represent our second team by any means, and all the boys over sixteen who are not on the first XV. get no matches at all. The same applies to the under 14 team, which is largely made up of boys of twelve in some cases.

The Collegiate under 14 team gave our boys a severe beating on November 8th. They were an excellent team, and played real Rugby, but the game was too one-sided to merit description. We have not forgotten the score, and noted that the Collegiate Magazine, with commendable restraint, also avoided mentioning the figures, for which we thank them. We hope to refer to them some day, when the balance is made good.

On November 15th this defeat was partly revenged, when our "scrub" team played against a similar team of our old opponents. The weather was bad and the ground sloppy, and the game ended in a win for us by 14 to 6. Our forwards did not pack well, but were useful in the line-out. The backs played good football, Rogers scoring a pretty try after a long run from our own 25. J. Decker's drop-kicks were worth mentioning, while Shaw, Woodward i. and Bagshawe played a good game at forward. The Collegiates gave us a very good game.

On November 24th we tried another combination, the two schools making up teams under 16 years. Our team was: Creery, Spencer, Wyld, Thorsen, Leslie, Bell-Irving, Decker ii., Woodward ii., Galer, Crawford, Bagshawe, McAnally, Roe, Bailey iii., Potts.

This was also a good game, but resulted in a win for the Collegiate by 19 points to 3.

The first junior match this term was played against the Collegiate at Royal Athletic Park on Monday, February 7th. Our juniors, smarting under the recollection of the big defeat of November 8th, were determined that this match should be no run-away, and they also felt that the successful seniors expected better results from them.

The game proved very even, for although the Collegiates were more expert in scrum-work, our forwards were good in the loose, and followed up well. The Collegiate three-quarters

were good, and always dangerous; however, thanks to the good defence of Sutherland, Woodward and Bell-Irving they only got over once, and as in the first half Bell-Irving scored a very neat try, from which no good resulted, this hard-fought game ended in a draw, 3 points each.

J. Tatlow at half-back played a very hard game, and used his head well. Burton at full-back played a sound and much improved game. Mr. Davis, of the Collegiate, refereed.

The next game was on our own grounds on Monday, February 14th, in sunshine, snow, hail and mud—especially mud, so that “Tar-babies” was what the players looked like after the game.

It was a hard-fought match, the play being very even, but the conditions made good football impossible; it was a forwards’ game from start to finish. Woodward ii. succeeded in scoring for us, winning the match by 3 points to nil, and there was great joy among the juniors—the seniors don’t look down on them so much now! Woodward ii., Bell-Irving, Sutherland and Henderson all played well.

CADET CORPS NEWS

The increase of the strength of the Corps from 54 last June to over 80 this term has induced Mr. Harvey to apply for permission, which was granted, to have a second, “B” Company, regularly organized. A considerable number of promotions were thus necessitated, which were promulgated in Company orders No. 10, January 13, 1910, and No. 11, February 3rd, 1910.

The list of officers and N.C.O.’s is now as follows:—

“A” COMPANY

Officer Commanding—Captain S. P. McGuigan.

Lieuts.—S. Rich and E. A. Rand.

Company Sergeant-Major—J. E. Mathews.

Quarter-master-Sergeant—H. S. Emanuels.

Colour-Sergeant—G. E. Ambery.

Sergeants—D. H. Mackay, A. Wyld, A. Thorsen.

Corporals—Bagshawe, Woodward, Spencer, Rogers.

Lance-Corporals—Gordon, W. Decker, Roe, Crawford.

Bugler—Hanbury.

Rank and File—26. Total—41.

“B” COMPANY

Officer Commanding—Captain D. K. Irwin.

Lieuts.—C. P. Otter and R. B. Hobson.

Sergeants—A. D. Bell-Irving, K. A. Creery, V. Sutherland, K. Macdonald.

Corporals—Cooper, J. Decker, Tatlow and Mackinnon.

Lance-Corpls. (Acting)—Whittome, Jackson, C. Shaw and A. Bell-Irving.

Bugler—Whitehead.

Rank and File—28. Total—40.

The following Inspection Report and Headquarters Letter thereon were communicated January 20th, 1910.

Number and Name—No. 170 University School Cadet Corps.

Date of Inspection—19th June, 1909.

Strength of Corps—Officers 3. Present on parade—3. N.C.O.'s and men—51. Present on parade—41.

Arms and Accoutrements—Well kept and in good order.

Squad Drill—Well done.

Company Drill—Good.

Manual Exercise—Fair.

Firing Exercise—Good.

Ceremonial Drill—Excellent.

Armoury—Not yet finished, will be a good building.

Officers—Know their work well and show keenness.

Extended Order—Well carried out.

General Remarks—This Corps seem very keen and enthusiastic about their work.

(Signed) P. ELLISTON, Capt. R.C.G.A.,
Inspecting Officer.

Headquarters Letter No. 1251, 6D., 3rd January, 1910.

From the Adjutant-General, Canadian Militia,

To the D.O.C., M. D. No. 11, Victoria, B.C.

Sir:—

1. I am directed by the Minister in Militia Council to enclose herewith copy of Inspection Report for 1909 upon the Cadet Corps noted in the margin, with my remarks thereon.

2. On the whole, the report submitted upon this Corps is satisfactory. An improvement might be made another year in the attendance at inspection, as about 18 per cent. of the strength was absent, which is a large proportion.

3. The report upon the Cadet officers is gratifying, as is also the ability shown by the Company in extended order movements.

4. You will compliment the Officer Commanding and the principal of the University School upon the progress made and the good work done.

I am, etc.,

(Signed) F. L. LESSARD, Colonel,
Adjutant-General.

The feature of this report is that practically the only unsatisfactory point, that of the attendance at Inspection, is the one which is most easily remedied, and we shall do our best to turn out next June without a single absentee.

MUSKETRY INSTRUCTION

The series of classification practices referred to in our last issue was completed on October 13th, when some remarkably good snap-shooting was done at moving and disappearing figure targets. Mathews made two possibles, ten hits in ten shots, while Wyld, Decker i., and Woodward i. each made a possible at one of the targets.

Mr. Barnacle's Cup was won by Lieut. Rich with 71 points, Corporal Mathews being a close second with a score of 70. Mr. Harvey's Cup, competed for by teams of five from each section, was won in handy fashion by No. 2 section with 270 points, No. 1 section being 52 points behind.

The classification results were as follows:

Marksmen — Capt. McGuigan, Lieut. Rich, Corporal Mathews, Corpl. Bell-Irving, Lance-Corpl. Woodward.

First-class Shots—Sergt. Otter, Sergt. Bailey, Lance-Corpl. Decker, Lance-Corpl. Bailey.

Second-class Shots—Lance-Corpl. Wyld, Lance-Corpl. Sutherland, Cadets Emanuels, Roe, Crawford, Creery, Cooper, Mackinnon and Macdonald.

Clover Point Range was then closed; in fact we had gone on firing there after all the other local corps had discontinued for the winter. Accordingly we have arranged a systematic course of gallery practice; the younger and new boys begin with aiming drill and sub-target practice, and pass on to firing with rifle rested. The next class fire at the first-class figure at 30 yards, while the more experienced shots practise at the one-inch bull's eye target at 25 yards. A team has been entered for a C. R. L. Gallery Practice competition, to commence in February and close in May, at the last-mentioned range and target. The conditions are: ten shots on two targets, five on each, sighter allowed on a separate target. Best ten scores

constitute the team for any one match. Probably about 25 cadets will shoot, and the School will supply the ammunition. Some very fair scores have already been made, and the team should give a good account of itself.

An interesting practice was held in the Gym on Nov. 30th. The competitors had to crawl up the range from the 30 to the 20 yards mark, behind various obstacles arranged as cover. A marker armed with whistle and mirror carefully watched the advance, and blew whenever a head was visible, two points being deducted from the score. Some excellent results were obtained; Cooper, McAnally and Poole each making 19 out of a possible 20, but as the last two each had two points deducted, Bell-Irving with 18 points clear came in second. Out of 70 rounds fired there were 27 bulls and 35 inners. It should be mentioned that the target was not stationary, but appeared for only five seconds at a time, then remaining hidden for ten seconds.

TO THE COMET

O weird and unwelcome intruder,
Who brandish a sword at our gate,
Your conduct could scarcely be ruder;
The shock to our systems is great!

May we ask what the blazes you're after?
Do you urge us of sin to repent?
You are hardly a subject for laughter;—
What on earth by such conduct is meant?

But perhaps you care nought for our morals;
Perhaps our elections you scan;
Do you honor our Premier's fresh laurels?
Or threaten Jardine with your ban?

Did the Colonist promise a write-up,
Or are you a sign of the Times?
Did the Week with a string send a kite up
To furnish a text for my rhymes?

In ages gone by such a comet
Would have scared half the world to its knees.
A paragraph's all we get from it,
Or a grist of lame verses—like these.

But it's you, and not we, are in danger;
To such boorish ways we're not used;
We find you're an absolute stranger,
We never have been introduced!

You have ne'er been received in Society,
And at Government House you're unknown;
Just you imitate Halley's propriety,—
Send a card in advance, of your own.

Through Nowhere's invisible gateway
You have flashed on this planet of men.
We are not "pleased to meet you," so straightway
Kindly plunge into Nowhere again.

—R. V. H.

GEMS FROM THE CHRISTMAS EXAMS, WITH NOTES

HISTORY—Walpole was a great soldier. He was discharged after being twenty years in power, by George. (Yes; wasn't it too bad; and with all those wounds, by jingo!)
—The Reform Bill was to give every man an equal share, according to the size of his family. (And some of us have not got it yet! Oh, the law's delay!)
—Junius was an admiral, who said he got his ear cut off. (And though he wrote stacks of Letters, he couldn't prove it).

COMPOSITION—The first Cunarder had a tonnage of 2,000 lbs. (A Canadian ton, of course, because Cunard came from Nova Scotia.)

—Wireless is operated by a noise carried on the waves of the air. (This is how the Intermediates communicate—right across the field—no wires necessary.)

—A great modern invention is the arrow-plain. (Of course it goes like an arrow, but the meaning of the rest of the word is not plain.)

—The firers inside the ship's armour are impossible to be unharmed. (See how coolly they stand up to meet their doom!)

CHEMISTRY AND PHYSICS—Oxygen is slightly associable in water. (Mr. Barnacle says that hydrogen, on the other hand, is most unsociable.)

—The speed of sound is about 900,000 a half-hour. (That's going some!)

—The blood of a falling body goes to its head and comes out at its ears. (Sir Isaac Newton found this out by falling out of an apple-tree.)

—Q. What change takes place in a piece of iron when it gets heated? A. It gets hot. (One of the greatest discoveries of the twentieth century).

GRAMMAR.—The feminine of English nouns is formed either by infection or decomposition. (This sounds most insani-tary; the Health Inspector should look into it.)

THE WILD ANIMALS OF MOUNT TOLMIE

In this neighborhood the earnest student of nature will come across a number of interesting animals. As some of these are highly dangerous, and others mischievous or destructive, we propose to give our readers a brief description of some of the most important species, so that they may know whether to shoot them at sight or take to a tree.

No. 1. The BAT.—There are two species, totally unlike in appearance and habits. The American kind is brightly colored, with enormous fore-paws. It howls all day, and is a perfect nuisance, so if you shoot one you will be rewarded. It lives on diamonds. The English kind is all white when young, but as it grows up the front half becomes bright red. It is a much quieter animal, and often goes for three days without a run, living entirely on ducks' eggs. If you want it to move, you have only to shout "Over."

No. 2. The RUGGER.—This is a fierce and powerful creature, and very hard to avoid. Sometimes it puts on side, and sometimes off-side, but the best plan is to blow a whistle. Then it will stop and growl, and you have a chance to escape. Fortunately it fights mostly with its own kind, and you may often see twenty or thirty of them tearing each other to pieces or clawing a referee. It varies a good deal in color, but can be recognized by the mud on its face and by its huge hoofs.

No. 3. The KAR-KEE. An animal nearly the size of a man, but of a kind of sandy color from head to foot, which makes it hard to distinguish. They go about in large bands, making a trumpeting noise occasionally, and sometimes they lurk behind rocks. Take my advice and keep out of their way, and if ever you hear a roar like "Shun,"—just you shun!

No. 4. The GOLFOX.—Is larger than the common fox, but not so shy. It will run about all day with nose to the ground, hunting little balls of rubber, and when it finds one it dives down a little hole. If it can't get down it rubs on the green and bellows, and you may safely go up and give it a stroke.

No. 5. The BOOK-WORM. This creature is quite harmless, but not useful to man. They may usually be found curled up beside a radiator, in fact some of them never get straight again. They are totally deaf, even to the dinner-bell. They live mostly on Henty, but will devour all kinds of refuse, such as dime novels.

- No. 6. The DAY-BUG is so called because it never goes out at night, at least hardly ever. They appear in swarms about 9.15 a.m. and jump up and down in the sunshine and sing, disappearing again about five. They are supposed to live on sandwiches and lemonade five days a week, and then go to sleep until Monday.
- No. 7. The SPRINT is a bird. It runs best when on the wing, and may be seen hopping around the Rugger-fights waiting for a piece of pig-skin. In summer-time it will carry off to its nest anything shining, such as silver cups and medals. It has very sharp hind claws, so you had better get off the track, for it won't stop for anything but a piece of tape.
- No. 8. The MUD-LARK was very abundant a year ago, but is fortunately becoming less common. They are quite small animals, with a curious habit of rolling on wet ground. They prefer to have their feet wet, but not their ears, and the sight of a bit of soap will scare them cold.

